

YMEDACA

AN EXPERIMENTAL ONE DAY ACADEMY IN HONOUR OF PLATO'S AKADEMOS, 5TH BC
- A CONCEPTUAL SCULPTURE BY HESTER REEVE AT THE YORKSHIRE SCULPTURE PARK -

WELCOME! SCROLL DOWN TO DISCOVER:

- THE YMEDACA SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 30TH 2014 & LINKS
- THE YMEDACA MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF EACH LIBERATIONAL MANOEUVRE ON THE DAY
(MAPS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT YSP ON THE DAY)
- THE YMEDACA READING LIST (THE INSPIRING BOOK COLLECTION OF AUGUST & EDUCATOR PHILIP RANSOM)
- DETAILS ABOUT THE YMEDACA GUARDIANS AND THEIR GROUPS
(CANTABRIDGE CHORUS GROUP, HAND TOOL USERS UNITED, THE MAMICK LONNIE CLUB, THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, WEST YORKSHIRE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY, WEST YORKSHIRE PANTAN MEET UP AND THE YORKSHIRE SUN SOCIETY (AFFILIATED WITH BRITISH NATURISM).
- PLATO IN THE YSP LANDSCAPE DRAWINGS BY HESTER REEVE

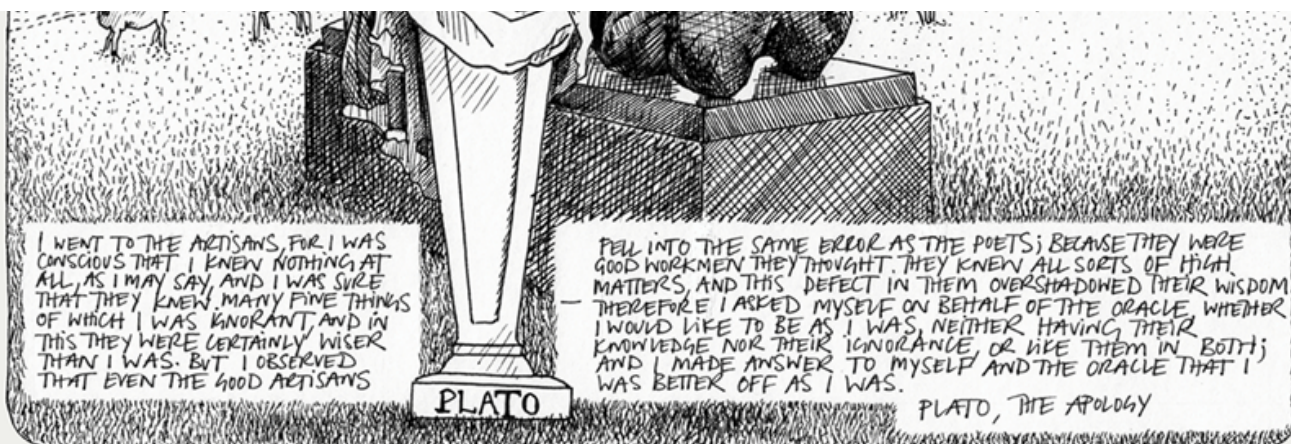
YOU CAN SKIP THIS BUBB IF YOU'VE ALREADY VISITED THE SHOWS AT YSP/KNOW THE DEAL...

HESTER REEVE'S TWO-YEAR PROJECT, TO RE-MAP YSP AS A CONTEMPORARY TRANSLATION OF THE VERY FIRST UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHED BY PLATO IN 5TH CENTURY BC, CULMINATES IN A ONE-DAY OPEN-AIR EXPERIMENTAL ACADEMY, YMEDACA, ON SATURDAY AUGUST 30TH, 2014. VISITORS CAN JOIN IN 'LIBERATIONAL MANOEUVRES' DEvised BY 'GUARDIANS' SELECTED FROM LOCAL GROUPS FOR THEIR PASSIONATE WORK TOWARDS 'THE GOOD.' RUNNING FROM DAWN TO DUSK ACROSS THE PARK, THE EVENT WILL COME TO A CLIMAX WITH A SYMPOSIUM AND SACRIFICE TO ATHENA, GODDESS OF WISDOM.

THE ARTIST'S CONCERNS ARE DOCUMENTED IN TWO EXHIBITIONS AT YSP WHICH RUN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 7TH 2014. "THE TEMPLE OF THE MUSES" IS IN THE GALLERY SPACE OF THE NATIONAL ARTS EDUCATION ARCHIVE ON THE YSP GROUNDS AND "YMEDACA - THE GAMEPLAN" IS IN THE UNDERSPACE IN THE VISITOR CENTRE. FOR MORE DETAILS:

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YMEDACA - THE SCHEDULE FOR SAT 30TH APRIL

ALL EVENTS ARE SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES AND ARE FREE - BUT SOME REQUIRE YOU TO BOOK A PLACE SO WE CAN CATER FOR NUMBERS.

NOTE: YMEDACA WILL RUN, RAIN OR SHINE...

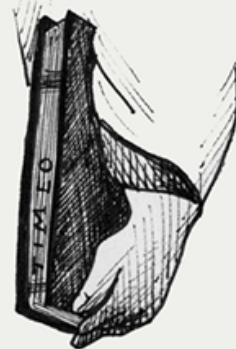
... DROP INTO THE 'LIBERATIONAL MANOEUVRES' AT ANY TIME...

TIME	EVENT	MAPREF GROUP	DO I NEED TO BOOK?
DAWN 6AM	"ON THE GOOD" THE ARTIST WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN YMEDACA WITH THE THEOSARUTH'S ADDRESS/PUBLIC TALK	THE ARTIST MEET AT THE VISITOR CENTRE ENTRANCE	INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS
LIBERATIONAL MANOEUVRES:			
9:30-12:30	PRACTICES OF TRANSCENDENCE OVER THE MUNDANE PRACTICE #1	HAND TOOL USERS UNITED	
10:00-5:00	PRACTICES TO HONOUR THE RECENTLY DEAD	THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION	
11:00-5:00	PRACTICES OF TRANSCENDENCE OVER THE MUNDANE PRACTICE #2	HAND TOOL USERS UNITED	
11:00-5:00	SPHERICAL GEOGRAPHY	WEST YORKSHIRE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY	
11:00-5:00	GEOMETRY 4PM PLEASE RETURN FOR A GROUP 'PAGAN SPIRAL DANCE'	WEST YORKSHIRE PAGAN MEET UP	
11:00-4:30	RING OF GYGES	MATHUK LOUNGE CLUBS	
2:30-5:00	NAKED EXERCISE A TALK AND LIFE DRAWING	YORKSHIRE SUN SOCIETY	
11:30-12:00 1:45-2:15 5:00-5:30	HARMONY 9 HYMNS TO EROS	CANTABRIG CHORAL GROUP MEET AT THE MONUMENT TO PLATO (BATHHOUSE) - YOU WILL BE LEAD TO THE SPOT	
7:00-8:30PM	SYMPOSIUM (= DRINKING PARTY) EXAMINING THE SUBJECT OF LIVING WISDOM	THE ARTIST WITH ALL THE GROUPS	
WALKING-TALKING-THINKING TOURS:			
11:30-12:30	"PAGAN PERSPECTIVES - AN ALTERNATIVE VIEW OF THE PARK AND SCULPTURES" A LOOK AT MYTH, LEGEND, LANDSCAPE AND ART - AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THINGS IN THE PARK YOU'VE NEVER NOTICED BEFORE...	MEET AT FAR DOORS OF THE VISITOR CENTRE TYPOTERACE	THE GUARDIAN OF THE WEST YORKSHIRE PAGAN MEET UP
2:00-3:30	"A WALK THROUGH THE SOLAR SYSTEM READING THE PLANETARY ORBITS ON A HUMAN SCALE (AND WITH CAKE AT THE END OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM)" (NB: THIS WILL BE A GOOD LONG WALK - REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE AT PLUTO!)	MEET AT THE "SUN" IN THE COUNTRY PARK	THE GUARDIAN OF THE WEST YORKSHIRE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
3:30-4:30	"A DISCUSSION ON THE PRACTICES FOR THE COMMON GOOD" MAKING TIME AND VALUE VIA HAND SKILLS	MEET OUTSIDE THE GATE AT YSP (LEARNING CENTRE)	THE GUARDIAN OF HAND TOOL USERS UNITED
MONUMENT TO PLATO:			
10:00-4:30	VISIT THE MONUMENT TO PLATO AND HAVE YOUR SAY - "SELFIE" OPPORTUNITY! GO TO THE BOATHOUSE ON THE SHORES OF THE LAKE OF THE COSMIC SOUL (BRING YOUR CAMERA)	THE ARTIST	
8:30 PM	SACRIFICE TO ATHENA (GODDESS OF WISDOM) (JUST HOW FAR IS THE ARTIST PREPARED TO GO IN THE PURSUIT OF AND DEVOTION TO THE GOOD?)	CONGREGATE AT THE SYMPOSIUM	THE MATHUK LOUNGE CLUBS

YMEDACA - REMAP OF YSP



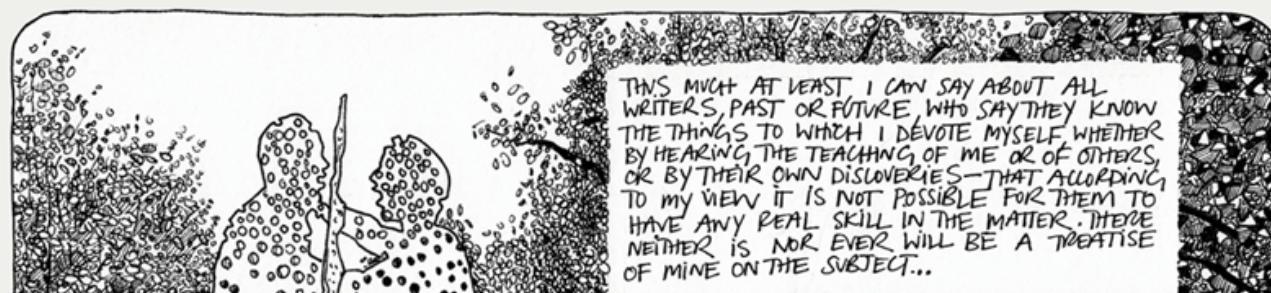
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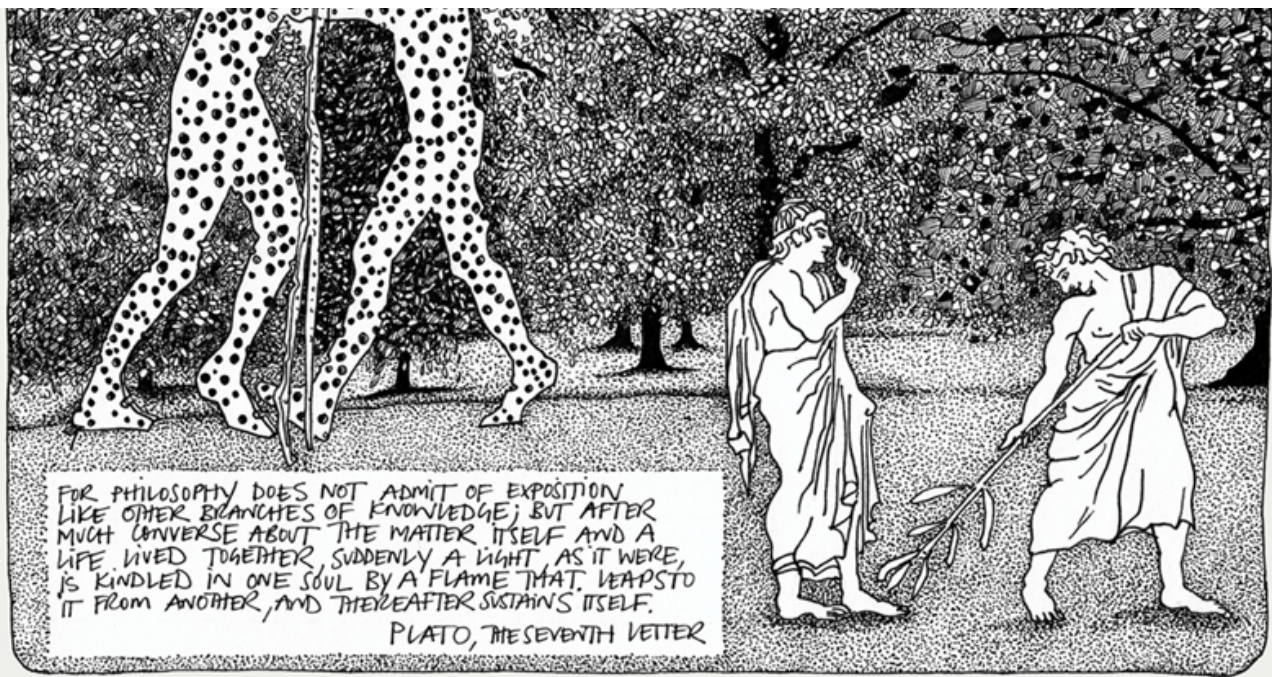


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YMEDACA'S GUARDIANS & LOCAL GROUPS

GUARDIAN — IAN AKROYD
CANTABIVE CHORAL GROUP



"CANTABIVE IS A CHAMBER CHOIR BASED IN CHANEL
ARTISTRY LEEDS. WE ARE A SMALL GROUP OF EXPERIENCED AND
ENTHUSIASTIC SINGERS WHO ENJOY THE CHALLENGE OF PERFORMING
A VARIED REPERTOIRE OF MUSIC SPANNING 6 CENTURIES,
INCLUDING WORKS BY CONTEMPORARY COMPOSERS. WE ARE
DEDICATED TO MAKING A BEAUTIFUL SOUND TOGETHER IN A
CHOIR WHERE EVERY VOICE COUNTS.

I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF CANTABIVE SINCE THE
CHOIR'S FORMATION IN 2007 AND SANG IN THE BASS SECTION
OF THE CHOIR FOR 3 1/2 YEARS. HAVING TRAINED AS A
CHORAL DIRECTOR WITH 'SING FOR PLEASURE', I WAS LOOKING
FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD MY OWN CHOIR - THAT OPPORTUNITY
AROSE WITH CANTABIVE IN 2011 AND I TOOK DIRECTORSHIP OF
THE CHOIR IN THE SPRING OF THAT YEAR.

THE GREATEST PLEASURE AND THE GREATEST
CHALLENGE COMES FROM THE MUSIC THAT THE CHOIR SINGS.
BOTH MY TIME WORKING WITH THE CHOIR AND THE TIME I
SPEND STUDYING THE MUSIC IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY
LEAD THE CHOIR GIVES ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE,
UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THESE BEAUTIFUL AND DEEPLY
FELT MUSICAL EXPRESSIONS OF HUMAN EMOTION."

IAN AND MEMBERS OF HIS GROUP WILL BE
LEADING A LIBERATIONAL MANDORRE IMPAIRED BY
THE PLATONIC EXERCISES - 'HARMONY' AND
'HYMNS TO EROS.'



GUARDIAN — JOE MOORE
HAND TOOL USERS UNITED

"TO EXPERIENCE A MEANINGFUL, JOYFUL PROCESS
THROUGH THE USE OF HAND TOOLS AND SLOWER, BUT MORE
SKILLFUL METHODS IS THE GIVE THAT TIES OUR GROUP TOGETHER
AND GIVES US A SHARED ETHOS. WE CELEBRATE THE BASIC
NATURE OF HAND TOOLS' ROLE IN EVERYDAY LIFE AS
ESSENTIAL, ENJOYABLE AND USEFUL.

SINCE CHILDHOOD I HAVE BEEN DRAWN TO AND
FASCINATED BY HAND TOOLS AND HAND MAKING. I HAVE BEEN
COLLECTING QUANTITY EXAMPLES OF TOOLS FROM YOUNG AGE
AND MAKE AN EFFORT TO USE THEM PRESENTLY IN MY
WORK OF SUTURING AND METALWORK, SPECIALISING IN
BLACKSMITHING. I DO THIS BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT SHAPING
THE PACE AND BUILDING SKILLS BRINGS JOY AND FULFILMENT
INTO LIFE WHICH MACHINE PRODUCTION SADLY FAILS
TO ACHIEVE.

A. MEANINGFUL LIFE MUST INVOLVE A LOVE OF
LEARNING AND RECOGNISABLE ACCOMPLISHMENT. OUR



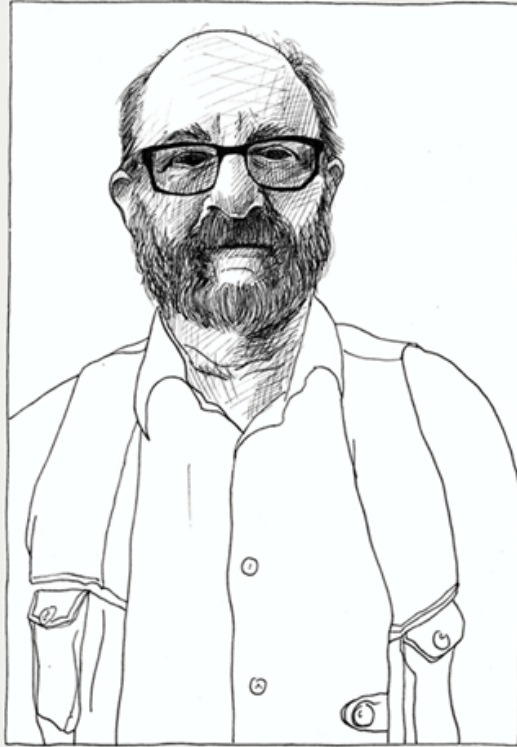
GROUP EXPERIENCES SUCH MEANING BY VIKING UP THE SHARED UNDERSTANDING OF THE BENEFITS AND PURE JOY OF USING HAND TOOLS. THIS JOY IS FELT DAILY THROUGH THE WORKING, PROCESSES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE CRAFTSPERSON. MAKING USEFUL, VALUED OBJECTS OR MANAGING LAND WILL BE THE END RESULT BUT WE KNOW THAT THE PROCESSES AND TOOLS USED ARE AS IMPORTANT TO HUMAN BEINGS AS THE OBJECTS BEING MADE.



HE AND MEMBERS OF HIS GROUP WILL BE LEADING A LIBERATIONAL MANOEUVRE INSPIRED BY THE PLATONIC EXERCISE - 'PRACTICES OF TRANSCENDENCE OVER THE MUNDANE.'



GUARDIAN - RUSSELL HALL THE MAGIC LUNGE CLUB



"THE MAGIC LUNGE CLUB CONSISTS OF PERFORMING, MAGICIANS PLUS THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE HISTORY OF STAGE MAGIC AND THE INVENTORY OF MAGICAL EFFECTS AND TECHNIQUES. THE MEMBERS BELIEVE THAT PERFORMING MAGIC HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE MORE THAN A DEMONSTRATION OF TRICKS AND PUZZLES, AND PREFER TO PRESENT 'MAGIC' AS A SHARED EXPERIENCE WITH SPECTATORS.

I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN PERFORMING MAGIC SINCE MY EARLY TEENS AND HAVE RUN SHEFFIELD'S MAGIC LUNGE FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS - AS A SHOP MEETING PLACE AND MENTORING SPACE FOR LOCAL MAGICIANS.

PERFORMING MAGIC IS ESSENTIALLY ENTERTAINMENT, BUT THAT SHOULDN'T MEAN THAT IT CANNOT HAVE SIGNIFICANCE. THE BEST MAGIC TOUCHES OUR NEED TO EXPERIENCE THE MYSTERIOUS, PERHAPS ALLOWING US MOMENTARILY TO VIEW A SLICE OF THE WORLD THROUGH NEW EYES. FOR ME, A MEANINGFUL LIFE IS A LIFE WHICH COMBINES PASSION, EXPLORATION AND GROWTH. PLUS A LITTLE WONDER."

RUSSELL AND MEMBERS OF HIS GROUP WILL BE LEADING A LIBERATIONAL MANOEUVRE INSPIRED BY THE PLATONIC EXERCISE, 'SACRIFICE TO ATHENA' (THEY ARE ALSO KEEPERS OF 'THE RING OF HYGES')

THE GOOD



GOOD-HEADRON

GUARDIAN - GOFF GRIFFITHS THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, LANCASHIRE BRANCH

"THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WAS FORMED IN 1921 BY EX-SERVICEMEN TO HELP ONE ANOTHER FOLLOWING THEIR RETURN FROM THE GREAT WAR OF 1914-1918. IT IS NOW RECOGNISED AS THE NATION'S CUSTODIAN OF REMEMBRANCE AND ITS AIMS HAVE REMAINED THE SAME: TO PROVIDE COMRADESHIP, RESPECT, ADVICE AND MUTUAL SUPPORT TO ALL EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL AND THEIR SPOUSES, PARTNERS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AT LOCAL BRANCHES ACROSS THE UK. EACH BRANCH PROVIDES COMRADESHIP THROUGH MONTHLY MEETINGS, SOCIAL EVENINGS AND GROUP TRIPS, AND BY ATTENDING COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS AND PROVIDING HELP TO THE FAMILIES OF RECENTLY DEPARTED EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL.

I BECAME INVOLVED WITH THE LANCASHIRE BRANCH (BARNSEY) AS A VOLUNTEER FOLLOWING MY RETIREMENT. I AM NOT EX-SERVICE MYSELF, BUT I HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE. I BEGAN TO HELP DURING 'POPPY TIME' AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS FULLY INVOLVED.

I WOULD ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO JOIN THEIR LOCAL BRANCH - EITHER AS A VOLUNTEER OR MEMBER - TO SEE THE FUN WE HAVE EXPERIENCE GREAT FRIENDSHIP OR SIMPLY MEET SOME OF THE MANY INJURED VETERANS. BUT MOST OF ALL, BY HELPING OTHERS YOU ADD AN IMMENSURABLE AMOUNT OF PLEASURE TO YOUR LIFE."



GOFF AND MEMBERS OF HIS GROUP WILL BE LEADING A LIBERATIONAL MANOEUVRE INSPIRED BY THE PLATONIC EXERCISE, 'PRACTICES TO HONOUR THE RECENTLY DEAD.'

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DODECAHEDRON

GUARDIAN - GARY LESLIE
WEST YORKSHIRE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY



"THE WEST YORKSHIRE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY WAS FORMED TO BRING THE WONDERS OF THE NIGHT SKY TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. WHETHER IT BE WORKING AT ANGUENT NEBULAE, LEARNING THE ART OF ASTRO PHOTOGRAPHY, GETTING ADVICE ON BUYING A TELESCOPE OR JUST MARVELLING AT THE MOON. WE HAVE A PURPOSE-BUILT 'WHEELCHAIR FRIENDLY OBSERVATORY' COMPLETE WITH ROTATING DOME, LECTURE ROOM, SEVERAL TELESCOPES, TELESCOPIC ACCESSORIES AND A COMPUTER ROOM. WE ENCOMANE GROUPS OF ALL AGES TO VISIT.

I GOT INVOLVED WITH ASTRONOMY AFTER A VISIT TO AN OBSERVATORY IN 2008 ON A WHIM. THE BIG TELESCOPE WAS POINTED AT THE MOON IN ITS FIRST QUARTER. IT WAS A TRULY SPECTACULAR SIGHT. I COULD SEE CRATERS IN AMAZING DETAIL AS WELL AS MOUNTAINS AND MOUNTAINS. ON JOINING, WYAS, I QUICKLY BECAME ENTINSED WITH THE VASTNESS OF THE SUBJECT. I HELPED MOTIVISE THE OBSERVATION DOME AND WAS SECONDED ONTO THE COMMITTEE. A COUPLE OF YEARS AND THE SECRETARY'S POST BECAME VACANT UNEXPECTEDLY AND MY LIFE CHANGED WHEN I WAS APPOINTED.

FOR ALL THE PLANETS AND STARS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GIMPSE, THE EARTH IS AN INCREDIBLY SPECIAL PLACE. ALMOST EVERYTHING ABOUT THE EARTH SEEMS TO HAVE COME TOGETHER IN THE ONE FUNCTION OF BEING A CRADLE FOR LIFE. ASTRONOMY IS AN AMAZING STORY HELD TOGETHER BY SCIENTIFIC REASONING AND OBSERVATION. UNDERSTANDING EVEN A BIT OF IT AND TEACHING OTHERS GIVES A MEANING TO LIFE LIKE NO OTHER. THE STATE OF ASTRONOMY IS A GOOD INDICATION OF THE ENLIGHTENMENT OF HUMANKIND."

GARY AND MEMBERS OF HIS GROUP WILL BE LEADING A LIBERATIONARY MANOEUVRE INSPIRED BY THE PLATONIC EXERCISE 'SPHERICAL GEOMETRY'.



TETRAHEDRON

GUARDIAN - STEVE JONES
WEST YORKSHIRE PAGAN MEETUP

"I FUNDED THE WEST YORKSHIRE PAGAN MEETUP GROUP IN 2007. PREVIOUSLY I HAD BEEN RUNNING THE OLDEST PAGAN MOOT ('MOOT' IS AN OLD WORD MEANING MEETING) SINCE ITS FOUNDATION IN WAKEFIELD IN 1985. THE GROUP IS A SOCIAL MEETING PLACE FOR PAGANS AND PEOPLE INTERESTED IN WITCHCRAFT, FOLKLORE AND THE PARANORMAL.

I BECAME A PAGAN IN 1983. I ENJOY HELPING PEOPLE TO DISCOVER PLACES AND EVENTS IN THEIR AREA THAT THEY NEVER KNEW EXISTED, AND ENABLING THEM TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS WHO SHARE THEIR BELIEFS. I ALSO ACT AS AN INTERMEDIARY TO HELP THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA TO UNDERSTAND MODERN DAY PAGANISM AND TO DISPEL ANY MYTHS THAT THE PRESS OR OTHER RELIGIOUS GROUPS MAY BELIEVE ABOUT PAGANISM.

FOR ME, BEING A PAGAN IS A LIFESTYLE. I KNOW THAT I CAN CHANGE MY REALITY TO THE ONE I WANT BY USING THE POWER OF THE MIND IF I NEED TO. I CAN GO OUT AND FEEL THE ENERGY IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AND BY LOOKING AT SACRED SITES I CAN RECONNECT WITH PAGAN HISTORY."

STEVE AND MEMBERS OF HIS GROUP WILL BE LEADING A LIBERATIONARY MANOEUVRE INSPIRED BY THE PLATONIC EXERCISE, 'GEOMETRY'.



EARTH



HEXAHEDRON

GUARDIAN - TIM LEE

YORKSHIRE SUN SOCIETY



"IN THE UK THERE ARE OVER 100 NATURIST CLUBS AND THE LARGEST CLUB OUTSIDE LONDON IS YORKSHIRE SUN SOCIETY WHICH WAS FORMED IN 1932. IT HAS THE SECOND LARGEST GROUNDS OF ANY CLUB IN THE UK WITH 26 ACRES.

I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER AT THE CLUB SINCE RETIRING 14 YEARS AGO BUT I FIRST JOINED A CLUB, WITH MY WIFE, IN 1959 - AT THE AGE OF 19 I DEVELOPED A SKIN CONDITION FOLLOWING COMPLICATIONS AFTER SUFFERING FROM DOUBLE PNEUMONIA AND PLEURISY. IT BECAME SEVERE AND PAINFUL TO MOVE; THE MEDICAL PROFESSION HAD NO ANSWER FOR THE CAUSE. THEN ONE DOCTOR POINTED OUT THAT MY NECK, HEAD, WAISTS AND HANDS WERE FREE FROM THE CONDITION AND SUGGESTED THAT MY BODY HAD STOPPED PRODUCING VITAMIN D4 AND THAT MAYBE I SHOULD TRY LIVING WITHOUT WEARING CLOTHES WHENEVER I COULD. AFTER 2 MONTHS OF JOINING A NATURIST CLUB I WAS FREE OF THE CONDITION.

WHAT DO I LOVE ABOUT NATURISM? UNLESS YOU HAVE TRIED IT, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO APPRECIATE THE MENTAL FREEDOM THAT CAN BE EXPERIENCED FROM LIVING LIFE NAKED. THE SEXUAL IMPLICATIONS OF EVERYDAY LIFE JUST DON'T EXIST ANY MORE. EVERYONE IS EQUAL WHEN NAKED."

JIM AND MEMBERS OF HIS GROUP WILL BE LEADING A LIBERATIONAL MAYOENNE INSPIRED BY THE PLATONIC EXERCISE - "NAKED EXERCISE."

BE-A-HENSON



YMEDACA - THE PUBLICATION... PRE-ORDER HERE:

THE YORKSHIRE SCULPTURE PARK WILL BE PUBLISHING A SPECIAL BOOK TO DOCUMENT HESTER REEVE'S PROJECT. THIS WILL INCLUDE PHOTOGRAPHS, ARCHIVAL DOCUMENTS AND COMMISSIONED ESSAYS EXPLORING WISDOM AND THE UNIVERSITY, ART EDUCATIONAL IMPERATIVES AND PLATONIC ISSUES FOR THE

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